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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

a. (*sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau*) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:

sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- The international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____ 1-7 _____, as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages _____ 1-9 _____, as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages _____ 1/4-4/4 _____, as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims	1, 2
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	3-9
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations

1. The present report makes reference to the following search report citation:

D1: US-A-6 428 206

2. The application does not satisfy the requirement of novelty within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2) because the subject matter of claims 1 and 2 is anticipated by document D1.

Document D1, which is cited in the application on page 1, lines 30 ff, discloses (in the embodiment shown in figures 2, 3 and 7) an X-ray support structure with an outer C arc (5) along which a mounting (arm 4) for an inner C arc (3) is displaceably arranged (see arrow b in figures 2 and 3), said inner C arc (3), which supports an X-ray tube (1) and an image amplifier (2), being displaceably arranged in the mounting (4) (see arrow c in figures 2 and 3), and with a drive device (e.g. motors 14 and 19; cf. figure 7; column 9, lines 38-40; column 10, lines 11-14 and 30-32) for displacements b and c, said displacements being executable in such a way that the inner C arc (3) and the mounting (arm 4) move in the same direction. Since

the application describes a multi-part drive device as consisting of a "single driving means", the multi-part drive device according to D1 should also be considered to consist of a "single driving means".

The feature of claim 1 wherein the drive device is arranged in the mounting (holder 6 in figure 7), also appears in document D1.

Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1 and 2 does not satisfy the requirement of novelty.

3. The features of claim 3 are not disclosed in document D1, since said features relate to a particular drive device, namely one that influences the inner C arc and the mounting with one ratio each, the ratios interacting in accordance with the lengths of the two C arcs. As is explained on page 2, line 35 ff, it is possible to achieve a desired optimal length of the telescopic movement of the two C arcs in this way. These features are also not anticipated or suggested by the other search report citation.

Therefore, the subject matter of claim 3 fulfills the criteria set forth in PCT Article 33. The same also applies to the subject matter of dependent claims 4-9, since these claims define preferred embodiments of the subject matter of claim 3.